

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
OSAMU TSUJII ET AL.)
Application No.: 10/000,485)
Filed: December 4, 2001)
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, METHOD OF)
CONTROLLING THE SAME,)
INFORMATION PROCESSING)
SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER-)
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Examiner: Faruk Hamza
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect to proceed initially with prosecution of Group II, Claims 12-19, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submits that Species II and Species III, whose difference is merely in location of the image viewer-5 (545) and image viewer-7 (552), are not patentably distinct species. Accordingly, Applicants request that these species (Claims 12-19 and 20-24) be examined together.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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